Passes orders regarding the publication of the Review of the Foreign Rail-Borne Trade in Mysore.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 3-1574—27-28, dated the 19th—20th April 1929, from the Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore, in the matter of the Review of the Foreign Rail-Borne Trade, periodically published by the Department of Industries and Commerce.

ORDER NO. D. 11549-60—STCS. 15-27-8, DATED 7TH MAY 1929.

In the year 1913, Government ordered the publication in the *Mysore Gazette*, of the quarterly returns of statistics (quantities only) of rail-borne trade passing across the Mysore frontiers, as received from the M. S. M. Railway Co., for the information of the mercantile community and the general public.

2. The returns of the four quarters with the addition of values, are also consolidated and published in the form of an annual review of the Rail-Borne Trade of the State.

3. With a view to avoid the delay, which now occurs in the publication of the Review, the Director of Industries and Commerce suggests that when the quarterly statistics are set in type, in the Government Press for publication in the Gazette, the type may be kept standing, till the end of the year, for the purpose of the Review. The extra cost on account of the type being thus locked up, is estimated to amount to about Rs. 100 per annum. He also suggests that as recommended by the Industries and Commerce Board at their meeting held on the 6th March 1928, the original method of publishing the statistics of trade under the 17 blocks into which India is divided, as against the four now in vogue, may be revived. He requests sanction for an expenditure of a sum of Rs. 375 per annum to be paid to the Railway Company for collecting the statistics for the 17 blocks. As for the date and the form of the publication of the Review, he states that it would be convenient to publish it about the end of December each year and that, though it is not desirable to prescribe a rigid form, information may be furnished under five main chapters, *viz.*, (i) General Introduction, (ii) Agricultural Statistics, (iii) Detailed Report on Rail-Borne Trade, (iv) Road-Borne Trade and (v) Balance of Trade.

4. Government are pleased to approve the proposals of the Director as set forth above.

5. Necessary provision for an annual expenditure of Rs. 475, *i.e.*, Rs. 100 for keeping the type standing and Rs. 375 for payment to the Railway Company for collection of statistics, will be made in the Budget of the Industries and Commerce Department for 1929-30 and subsequent years.

N. RAMA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.

Reviews the Report on Rainfall Registration in Mysore for 1928.

READ—

Letter No. 2071, dated the 16th April 1929, from the Meteorological Reporter to the Government of Mysore, submitting the Report on the Rainfall Registration in Mysore for 1928.

ORDER NO. D. 12101-12110—STCS. 40-28-3, DATED 22ND MAY 1929.

Recorded.

2. The total number of Raingauge Stations on the 31st December 1928, was 234, the same as in the previous year. Government regret to observe that there has been no improvement in the inspection of the Raingauge Stations in spite of instructions issued

by them in this behalf from time to time and that as many as 37 stations remained uninspected, *i.e.*, 11 more than in the last year. By far the greater number of these was in the Tumkur and Hassan Districts of which it is surprising to learn that as many as 8 were taluk headquarter stations. The Deputy Commissioners of these and other Districts are requested to see that such neglect of duty on the part of the officers concerned does not occur in future. The Meteorological Reporter has also brought to the notice of Government the unsatisfactory condition of certain raingauges in the Chitaldrug District noticed during his inspection. He states that one of the gauges had a diameter of over 5 inches having lost the brass ring. This is an unsatisfactory state of things and it is hoped that no cause for such remarks will be given in future.

3. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to issue strict instructions to the officers concerned so as to ensure prompt and careful inspection of all the Raingauge Stations in their respective jurisdictions. Failure of duty in this respect should be suitably noticed.

N. RAMA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.

Issues orders regarding the revised arrangements for the conduct of the Arthasadhaka Patrike.

READ—

Government Order No. D. 3106-16—E. C. 18-28-1, dated the 12th September 1928, appointing a Committee to examine the present position in regard to the Mysore Economic Journal and the Arthasadhaka Patrike and to submit alternative recommendations to Government for improving the Journals.

2. The proceedings of the meeting of the Committee referred to above held on the 30th November 1928 (printed as annexure I).

3. Mr. S. Venkatesaiya's dissenting note, dated 24th February 1929 (printed as annexure II).

ORDER No. D. 11847-53—E. C. 18-28-4, DATED 16TH MAY 1929.

The recommendations of the Committee relate entirely to the improvement of the Arthasadhaka Patrike. They recommend that the Arthasadhaka Patrike might be converted into an illustrated weekly containing 32 pages of matter, chiefly concerned with subjects bearing directly on rural reconstruction such as Agriculture, Horticulture, Live Stock, Sericulture, Sanitation, Education, Co-operation and Industries. The Development Departments of Government are to use the Journal largely as their organ for propaganda and also co-operate by furnishing it with matter of public interest relating to the activities of their Departments. As the Journal is likely to be of great value to agencies engaged in rural reconstruction, the Village Panchayets are to be induced to subscribe for copies. The Government subvention is to be raised from Rs. 1,500 to Rs. 2,500, 500 copies being supplied to Government as at present; and the Editor is to be required to work in close touch with the Secretary, Economic Conference, who should be responsible to see that the paper fulfils the objects for which it is subsidised.

2. Government are pleased to approve of the recommendations of the Committee.

3. The Heads of Departments referred to in the proceedings are requested to utilise the Patrike to the fullest extent possible and to extend to the Editor all reasonable facilities to enable him to conduct the paper successfully on the lines laid down therein.

4. The Secretary, Economic Conference, is requested to obtain a suitable agreement from the Editor of the Patrike in consultation with the Government Advocate on the terms indicated in the proceedings read above.